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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the Month of January, 1950.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 3rd March, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1949, was estimated to be 540,273, comprising 277,768 Males and 262,505 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	DECEMBER		Year ended DECEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages No.	501	554	4,952	5,186
* Rate per 1000 of Population	10.82	12.57	9.29	10.07
Births No.	1,078	1,050	13,523	12,931
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.29	23.82	25.37	25.11
Deaths No.	376	356	4,790	4,685
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.12	8.08	8.99	9.10
Infant Mortality No.	25	27	352	331
Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.19	25.71	26.03	25.60
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	5	14	127	166
Cancer	52	44	658	620
Influenza	1	-	14	23
Diphtheria	-	-	4	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	51	40	451	422
Arteriosclerosis	5	16	136	152
Diseases of the Heart	110	119	1,492	1,434
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	20	18	269	290
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	1	34	23
Nephritis	15	11	188	170
Diseases of Early Infancy	21	22	211	195
Senility	9	2	75	77
Accidents	26	25	323	281
All Other Causes	59	44	808	835
TOTAL	376	356	4,790	4,685

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January totalled 35,889 acres, a decrease of 19,435 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 14,685 acres, a decrease of 259,792 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,976,054	1,533,700	13,170,310	11,242,554
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 13. 8.	£2. 18. 8.	£24. 7. 4.	£21. 12. 11.
Expenditure	1,847,403	1,634,259	13,518,037	11,864,425
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3. 7. 7.	£3. 2. 6.	£25. 0. 2.	£22. 16. 10.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st January, amounted to £38,346,510 or £69.19.6d. per head of population as against £36,477,071 or £69.13.7d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks ended 25th January, 1950, amounted to £8,220,336 compared with £6,257,291 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No. 1,440	£ 1,414,938	1,314 690,986	11,929 9,431,365
Mortgages	No. 909	£ 926,126	672 709,340	7,263 8,119,174
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 711		699	5,854

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is not Payable (Gross)		
	£	£		
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Year ended 30th June, 1948	14,870,843	11,013,911	37,726,747	1,812,929
Month of January, 1950	2,022,861	1,160,353	4,570,178	205,616
Month of January, 1949	1,638,073	836,857	3,300,179	193,500
Seven Months to January, 1950	12,711,908	7,692,078	28,415,300	1,385,862
Seven Months to January, 1949	10,518,175	6,613,381	25,416,222	1,200,971

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATEMENT INFORMATION CARD

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

STATEMENT OF BENEFITS

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ALICE	SECRETARY	C-1	10-22-44	10-23-44	WANTED TO MOVE
ALICE, JR.	COOK	C-1	10-22-44	10-23-44	WANTED TO MOVE
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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

64 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,854,000 and 39 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,956,500 and 30 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	7 Months ended January					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	17	26,634	45,392	12	9,853	2,440
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	38,753	18,270	9	47,453	39,547
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows :-

	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER		
	1949	1948	1949	1948	
Gross Earnings (a)	£	572,800	459,100	3,044,100	2,609,700
Working Expenses (a)	£	619,288	575,024	3,516,558	3,360,688
Train Miles Run	No.	585,908	616,422	3,228,283	3,579,232
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 93,869	83,009	(c) 530,075	451,290
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	919,499	1,012,980	5,523,052	6,343,603
Motor Bus	No.	45,808	33,425	228,584	155,117
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		226,005	216,852	1,300,714	1,287,535
Livestock		12,980	15,475	84,514	95,793
Departmental (Free Freight)		41,469	56,853	267,205	303,148
Total		280,454	289,180	1,652,433	1,686,476
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		33,358,712	29,885,695	197,290,391	187,879,777
Livestock		1,425,425	1,793,046	11,162,929	12,467,247
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,077,977	8,257,501	41,650,330	47,256,117
Total		41,862,114	39,936,242	250,103,650	247,603,141

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 17th December. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 17th December.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112
July	234	53	11	73	597	328	28	164
August	285	89	8	69	562	291	11	133
September	256	93	7	113	533	282	13	216
October	335	130	4	86	662	448	11	171
November	473	152	3	142	948	509	9	248
December	445	149	11	113	946	489	18	238

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
July	25,008	11,522	362	6,508	38,226	32,932	670	9,358
August	25,035	11,519	367	6,562	39,865	35,892	693	9,956
September	25,108	11,582	380	6,715	40,675	37,036	718	10,410
October	25,145	11,637	398	6,818	40,880	37,446	735	10,695
November	25,273	11,807	397	6,908	41,771	38,844	747	11,079
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1949, 131 Cars; 619 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, December, 1949 and 1948 and 6 months ending December, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,314	1,560	14,720	10,481	4,620	4,143	25,278	23,466
	3,533	3,034	18,016	15,560	719	286	3,156	2,366
TOTAL	6,847	4,594	32,736	26,041	5,339	4,429	28,434	25,832

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CLEAR

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATED BODIES

NAME	TYPE	NUMBER	PERIOD	CHARACTERISTICS
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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1948 -										
Dec. Qr. 1949 -	226	154	782	993	12	43	71	154	1,091	1,344
Dec. Qr.	214	193	723	1,026	19	84	90	102	1,046	1,405

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1948 -										
Dec. Qr. 1949 -	400	578	80	66	515	483	11	9	1,006	1,134
Dec. Qr.	394	642	51	43	471	507	6	7	922	1,199

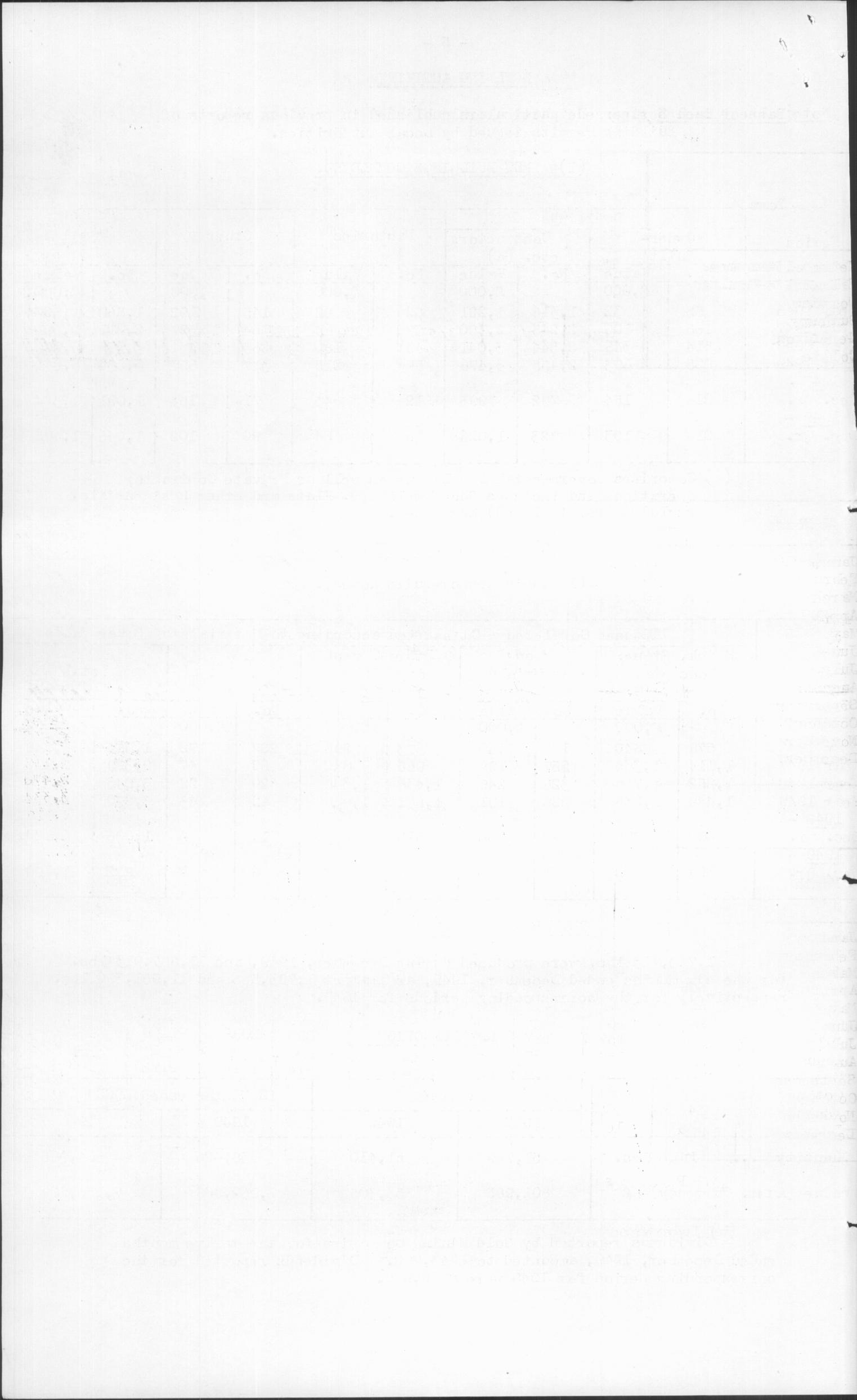
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,763,713 lbs. were produced during December, 1949, and 11,887,913 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1949, as against 1,793,566 and 11,961,390 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	51,769	51,410	638,426	664,986
Value (Aust. Currency) £	801,985	553,305	7,962,808	7,156,909

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1949, amounted to £843,782. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £836,939.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1506	1332	1436	1251	1459	1316	1410	1264
Algoorlie-Boulder	1639	1470	1572	1387	1544	1415	1502	1368
Northam	1521	1360	1455	1272	1467	1322	1420	1272
Bunbury	1507	1346	1443	1257	1472	1327	1424	1277
Geraldton	1544	1360	1471	1279	1521	1383	1475	1327
Collie	1518	1354	1455	1265	1395	1268	1353	1217

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147	113,010	37,928	150,938
July	109,375	37,154	146,529	111,190	37,991	149,181
August	108,611	37,073	145,684	113,003	38,098	151,101
September	109,416	37,224	146,640	113,933	38,358	152,291
October	110,240	37,592	147,832	114,603	38,649	153,252
November	111,010	37,704	148,714	116,102	39,143	155,245
December	111,491	38,015	149,506	117,480	39,667	157,147

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177	178	903	1087	1153	1277	1362
July	146	157	167	177(a)	173	899	1096	1168	1301	1381
August	145	159	167	176	178	897	1109	1181	1294	1377
September	143	160	168	177	182	914	1114	1172	1302	1365
October	141	161	168	178	182	929	1118	1184	1318	1375
November	141	158	169	178	183	965	1133	1215	1349	1402
December	145	163	170	179	184	1012	1165	1267	1385	1470

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July	133	6	139	151	7	158	188	5	193
August	94	5	99	114	3	117	168	7	175
September	71	3	74	97	3	100	142	7	149
October	63	4	67	92	8	100	113	3	116
November	49	2	51	61	4	65	101	1	102
December	44	1	45	43	-	43	102	2	104
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male		Female		Male	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31st January, 1950.	6.	18.	1.	3.	14.	7.
	6.	17.	4.	3.	14.	2.
	7.	4.	8.	3.	18.	1.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,439	15,554	129,158	132,539
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,662	11,886	109,039	111,001

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
January, 1950	5,520	425	67,740	9,963
January, 1949	5,951	527	71,826	10,224
Year ended December, 1949	105,690	5,308	922,449	109,204
Year ended December, 1948	103,907	5,458	1,011,035	120,867

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